

Subject: Re: Fw: Food Cart Vendor Complaint - Westchester
From: Tom Caraballo <tom.caraballo@lacity.org>
Date: 03/17/2011 06:39 AM
To: Donald Duckworth <duckworth.donald@gmail.com>
CC: andrea.garcia@lacity.org, marsha.jackson@lacity.org, Gary Harris <gary.harris@lacity.org>

Good Morning,

We can issue him another citation but our next level of enforcement may be arrest and booking depending on resources. Arrest and booking is a long process that takes approximately 3 - 4 hours. We cannot impound his cart unless he is arrested at which time it gets booked as evidence.

Really not much the BID can do as this is a criminal matter. We will try and schedule another trip to the area soon. You can always contact LAPD and speak with your area Senior Lead Officer as they also enforce Los Angeles Municipal Code 42.00 (B) Illegal Vending. We will give you an update as soon as we visit the location. Thank you and have a great day.

On Wed, Mar 16, 2011 at 2:53 PM, Donald Duckworth <duckworth.donald@gmail.com> wrote:

We totally understand your work load and limited staffing. We appreciate everything you are doing to help us. We want to assist as much as we can. The good news is that right now we only have 1 vendor flouting the law.

Our BID Ambassador watched him all day yesterday (Tuesday March 15), although we didn't see the citation being issued. He did not pack up and leave until 5:00 PM according to the Ambassador.

And he was there at about 10:30 AM again today. I'll bet he won't close until 5:00 PM as usual.

Can we issue him another citation today or tomorrow? How long will you have to put up with such continuous violations? When can his cart be impounded? What happens when he doesn't show up in court?

Is there a civil path we can follow at the BID's initiation to compliment your criminal proceedings?

We continue to believe that by working together we will be successful. Thank you.

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From: **Steve and Susie Rhodes** <snrjhodes@ca.rr.com>
Date: Wed, Mar 16, 2011 at 8:39 AM
Subject: Fw: Food Cart Vendor Complaint - Westchester
To: Donald Duckworth <duckworth.donald@gmail.com>

Hey Don,

I saw this(picture) and I never saw anyone near the Fruit cart that looked like anything other than a customer. It should also be noted that he never packed up and left anything until around 5:00 pm. If he broke his stuff down it was for no more than 20 minutes, when I left to use the rest room several times throughout the day, and then went right back to work after they left. I never received any calls from any of these people alerting me that they were in the area either.

We'll see what he does today. if he is there or not. I let you know.

Steve

From: [Marsha Jackson](#)
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 7:43 AM
To: [Donald Duckworth](#)
Cc: andrea.garcia@lacity.org ; [Steven Rhodes](#)
Subject: Re: Food Cart Vendor Complaint - Westchester

Good Morning

Mr Duckworth please see the attached picture of the vendor cited. He packed up and called someone to remove the cart.

On Tue, Mar 15, 2011 at 10:25 AM, Donald Duckworth <duckworth.donald@gmail.com> wrote:
The food cart vendor is now operating about 200 ft west of the SWC of Sepulveda and Manchester. Today he transported his cart in a white Ford F100 pick-up truck license #5Y13002.

Thank you.

On Tue, Mar 15, 2011 at 10:40 AM, Donald Duckworth <duckworth.donald@gmail.com> wrote:

We appreciate the telephone contacts that both of you have made and look forward to working with you to resolve the problems we have been experiencing with an illegal push cart food vendor operating in the Westchester Town Center BID area. (I think he sells pineapple or mango slices.) He normally operates between about 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM at a location about 200 ft. west of the SWC of Sepulveda Boulevard and Manchester Avenue, near the CVS Drug Store. According to the BID's Ambassador patrol officer, the usual vendor transports his cart to the area in a white F100 Ford pick-up truck, license #4J73692.

Our BID Ambassador is in the area daily and is available to assist in any way. His name is Steve Rhodes and he may be reached at [\(310\) 303-8261](tel:(310)303-8261).

As Ms. Garcia requested we will make sure that all future complaints are filed at the City's "311" number and that we have a confirmation number for it.

As the Westchester Town Center BID can assist in any way, please let me, as Executive Director, know. I can be reached at [\(310\) 417-9030](tel:(310)417-9030). Thank you. We look forward to

working with you.

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